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Subject: Issue papers for AZ

Arizona Assumption of §404 Clean Water Act: The state of Arizona has begun the process of evaluating its authority to assume administration of the Clean Water Act (CWA) dredge and fill permitting program. EPA Region IX and Headquarters have assembled a team, participating on biweekly meetings with ADEQ, on the state's assumption process. Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), as the lead state agency, has submitted statutory language to the state legislature for approval. If approved, ADEQ has a projected date of March, 2019 for submittal of the state assumption request package to EPA.

Rosemont Copper Mine: Hudbay Minerals, Inc., a Canadian integrated mining company, seeks approval for a new open-pit copper and molybdenum mine proposed for construction on approximately 3,655 acres of National Forest System land and 1,200 acres of private land southeast of Tucson, Arizona. The mineral deposit could reportedly produce up to 10% of the U.S. annual production of copper. The project would irreparably undo decades of public efforts to protect drinking water supplies, biological resources and sensitive aquatic ecosystems within the Cienega Creek watershed, which contains regionally rare, largely intact mosaics of the highest quality stream and wetland ecosystems in Arizona. The Los Angeles District of the Corps of Engineers recommended denial of the §404 CWA permit. The Corps' South Pacific Division is currently deciding whether to uphold or overturn the District's recommendation for permit denial.